

PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

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Consensus Recommendation: 04-06

Title: Membership Recommendation to Fill Unexpired Terms

Background:

In August 2003, seven members of the Citizens Advisory Board resigned citing their disappointment with the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) public involvement process. The loss of these seven individuals left the CAB with only 11 members. Since a minimum of 12 members is required for the Board to conduct business, DOE immediately appointed an applicant from the membership pool to fill one of the unexpired terms. In late November 2003, the CAB provided DOE with a ranking of 11 new applicants, recruited as a result of the recent membership drive, and requested that the top six members be appointed to fill the remaining unexpired terms. DOE responded in December by appointing only one new member.

Concerns:

The Board believes additional members are needed in order to fully accomplish their mission and to maintain the diversity required to provide informed recommendations and advice to DOE on environmental management issues at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The Board is concerned that these issues will not be covered as effectively if the work is spread among less individuals. The Board believes DOE should restore the membership to its original status of 18 members.

Recommendation:

Since five unexpired terms still exist on the Board, the CAB recommends that DOE appoint five new members, or no less than three, by March 31, 2004 from the ranking list submitted by the CAB in November 2003.

Approved by consensus 01/15/04